



Willie J Thomas

March 13, 1951 - November 16, 2024

Mr. Willie James Thomas, affectionately known as Joe, began life's journey in Anniston, Alabama when he was born to the union of Willie Mervin Thomas and Annie Ruth Young Thomas on March 13, 1951.

Mr. Thomas was introduced to Christ at an early age at St John FBH Church in Anniston.

He graduated in 1969 from Cobb High School. Willie James attended Alabama State University where he graduated with a degree in Art. In the fall of 1970, he became a proud member of the Beta Zeta Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity. Willie James relocated to Detroit where he worked for Chryslers and I.D.S. as a Stockbroker until he returned home to Anniston.

Willie James remarkable talent as an artist shone brightly when he painted the first mural at the Anniston Museum of Natural History. His passion for art showcased his unique skills and creativity. He also taught Art in the Anniston Public Schools for a brief period.

Willie James was a proud veteran who served in the United States Army.

Even though he was a reserved individual, his love for his nieces and nephews always brought out his joyful spirit. He cherished every moment

spent with them.

On Saturday, November 16, 2024, Mr. Willie James Thomas came to the end of his earthly journey at Regional Medical Center. He was preceded in death by his parents, Willie Mervin Thomas and Annie Ruth Young Thomas, his sisters, Juanita and LaRosa, and his brother Jimmie.

Willie James' memory will live on in the hearts of all who knew him. He will be deeply missed but fondly remembered for his artistic talents, his service to his country, and the love he shared with his family and community.

Cemetery Details

S.M. Goodson Funeral Home and Crematory

217 Coosa St. E
Talladega, AL 35160

Previous Events

Public Viewing

NOV **23.** 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

S.M. Goodson Funeral Homes and Crematory- Anniston
830 Noble Street
Anniston, AL 36201

Celebration of Life

NOV **24.** 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Pastor Whipple and First Lady Whipple purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Willie J Thomas.*



Pastor Whipple and First Lady Whipple - November 22, 2024
at 11:13 AM

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“ *James Thomas was the love of my life. We were together for seven years as boyfriend then marriage. We met at Alabama State University Montgomery, AL in 1969. I will always have him in my heart* 💕💕😭

Vivian Colley Thomas Waller - November 21, 2024 at 07:50 PM

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“ *I remember my friend Willie James we met at Alabama State university as freshman in 1969..he was a part of my life when I had my first child..he was there to help me name her and he was also my husband fraternity brother KAPPA ALPHA PSI.* 🙏❤️

Annie J Franklin - November 20, 2024 at 08:13 PM